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Patrick Administration Celebrates the Completion and Dedication of the 'Phillip N. Carney Causeway' in Nahant

*Former Nahant Causeway renamed after State Representative from Nahant and
Swampscott*

NAHANT - Thursday, October 23, 2014 – Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Maeve Vallely Bartlett today joined Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Jack Murray, state and local officials, and community groups to celebrate the completion of the Nahant Causeway, which the agency dedicated as the "Representative Phillip N. Carney Causeway" along DCR's Nahant Beach Reservation.

"Before this rehabilitation project, a strong winter storm could flood the entire Nahant Causeway, making it nearly impassable for drivers and flooding the beach." said Secretary Bartlett. "These improvements preserve the historic roadway, improve public safety for those who travel along the Causeway, and enhance the recreational experience of the Nahant Reservation."

The Nahant Causeway, a four-lane divided roadway for most of its length, runs the length of the Nahant Reservation. Construction began in the spring of 2011 and was completed on June 1, 2014.

The \$20 million rehabilitation of the roadway included:

- Improved sightlines and vehicular and pedestrian traffic patterns at both the entrance and exit of Nahant Reservation
- Upgraded drainage systems along the roadway
- Repairs to the seawall
- Enhanced erosion control and extensive dune restoration along the Nahant Reservation.
- Improved lighting along the Causeway
- Installation of a rock garden adjacent to the Nahant entrance of the reservation
- Realignment and restriping of the parking lots within Nahant Reservation

In 2002, as part of an initiative to enhance and protect the state's historic parkways, the Nahant Causeway was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The rehabilitation has strengthened the roadway's character, utility and safety.

"By investing in our infrastructure, Governor Patrick's leadership has helped DCR to fund important infrastructure projects across the Commonwealth, like the Causeway. I thank him for his support," said Commissioner Murray. "I also thank Senator McGee and the legislative delegation, as well as the Nahant community for their support during construction."

The Causeway was also dedicated as the “Representative Philip N. Carney Causeway,” after former State Representative Phillip Carney, who passed away on December 27t, 2005. The legislation for this dedication was approved in December of 1994.

Born in Lynn, Massachusetts on June 6, 1919, Representative Carney was a lifelong resident of Lynn, before moving to Nahant and Naples, Florida. From 1954 to 1957, Mr. Carney served as a Lynn City Councilor and was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1961 in a special election. Representative Carney served the people of Nahant and Swampscott from 1961 to 1968. During his tenure, he brought forth the legislation to build the Nahant Street area seawall along Lynn Shore Drive to protect the residents from flooding.

“I would like to thank Governor Patrick and his administration for their work in making this project a reality. The Nahant Causeway project has been something that many people have worked hard for over the years including Former Senator Edward ‘Chip’ Clancy and Former State Representative Steven Walsh,” said Senator McGee. I also want to thank the Town of Nahant, Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and its residents for their support and input at every phase of the project.”

Since taking office, the Patrick Administration has made a historic investment of more than \$350 million in land conservation focused on three goals: investing in urban parks, preserving working farms and forests and protecting large natural landscapes for habitat. The new parks and open space created are within a 10 minute walk of 1.5 million residents – about a quarter of the Commonwealth’s residents.

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